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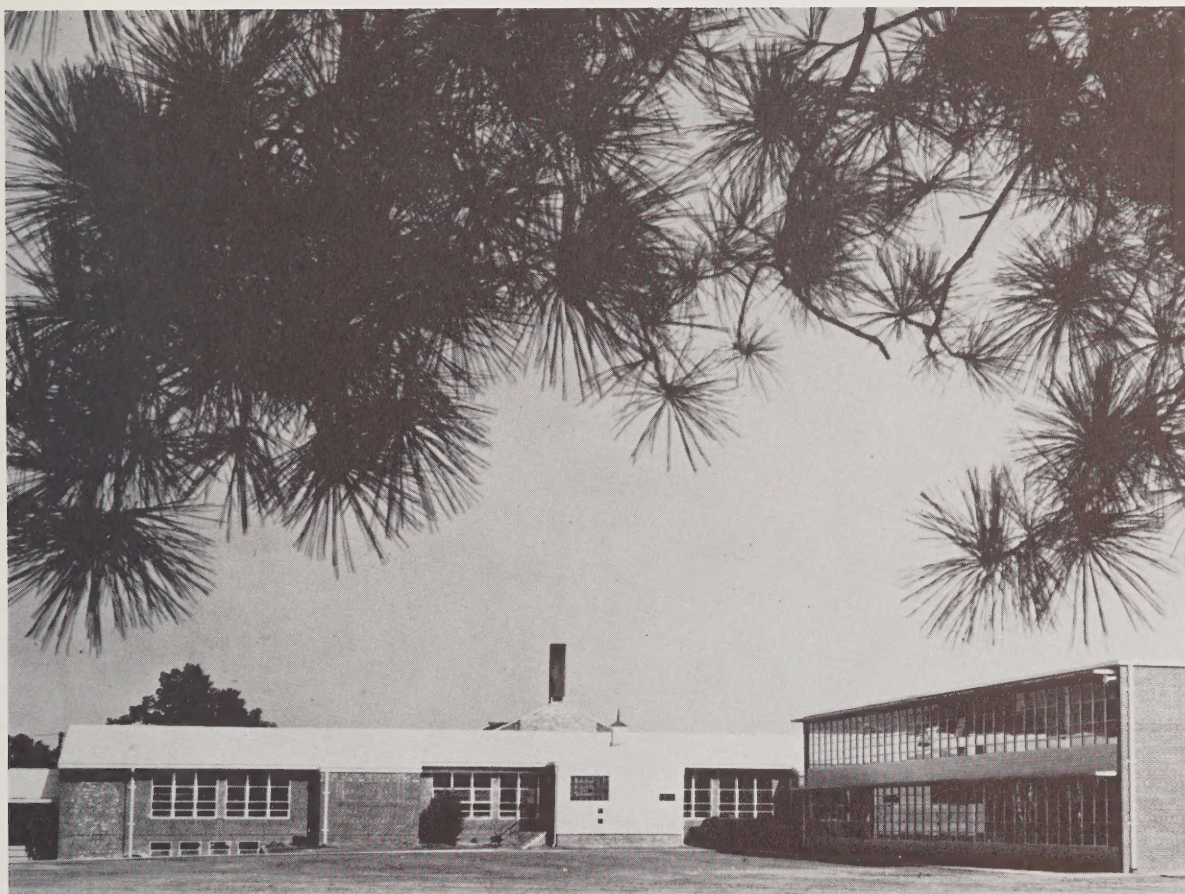




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# *THE HEIGHTS*

Published Annually By

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BENTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL  
Monroe, North Carolina





The tenth edition of "The Heights" comes to you representing many hard and laborious hours by our staff. Between these covers we have tried to incorporate a tangible record of our school year. Yet, there is much which cannot be printed on a page. We cannot begin to express the faith and love that we feel for Benton Heights. Neither can we express the happiness we had here nor the sadness we feel as we depart. We earnestly hope, however, that in the future this book will bring back sweet memories of days spent at our dear Alma Mater. Only then will the hopes and dreams of the staff be realized.

The Editor





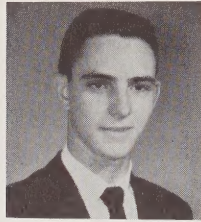
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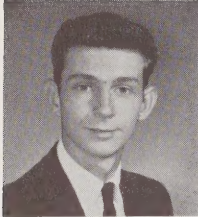
with appreciation to the loving memory of our deceased classmate CHARLES WAYNE PRICE, whose strength of character, humility of spirit, and devotion to his friends and to his school will ever be an inspiration to all of us.



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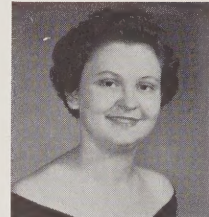
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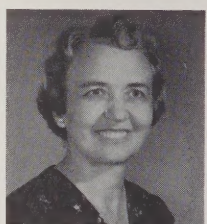
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### A MESSAGE TO THE SENIORS

You have reached a bend in the road, but your journey is not ended. Actually you face a new beginning and a new journey into the unknown. Let us hope that the experiences you have had here in school will help to light the way to a better life. Your work is not over, and you have even greater contributions in life to make. Who will blaze the trail and show the way? Have courage my brave ones; put your hand into the hand of the Divine, and you shall find light and a new life.

*Oscar W. Broome*





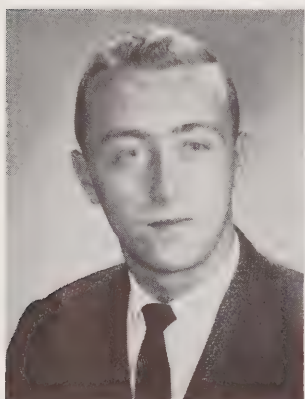
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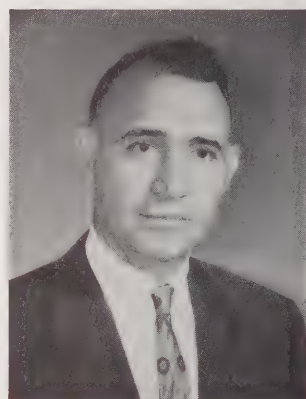
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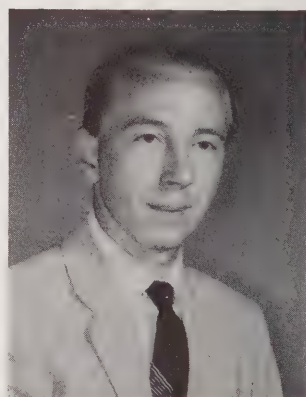
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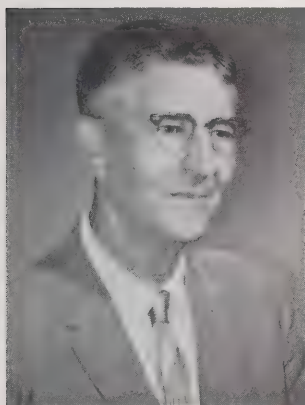
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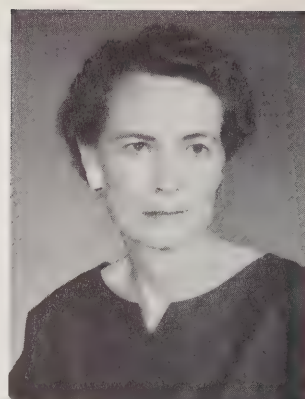




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Nursing  
First Grade





**seniors**





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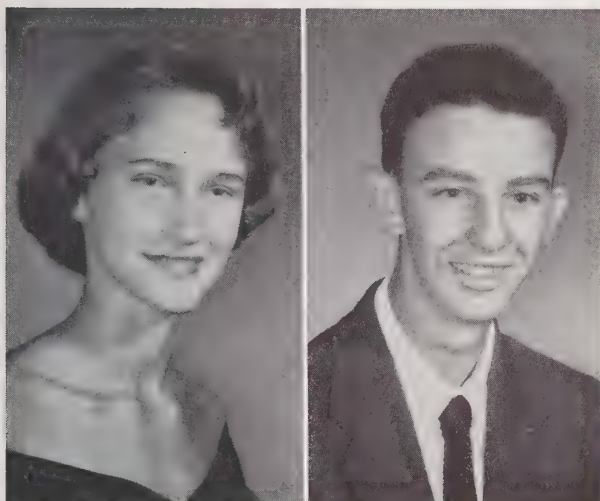
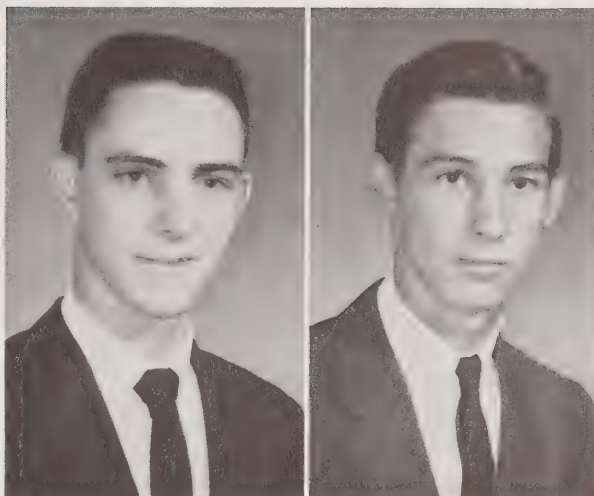
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(Whitty)

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 1, 2; Union County Band Clinic 1, District Band Clinic 1, 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Marshal 1, 2, 3; School Store 4; Basketball 2, 3; Boys' State 3; WOW History Award 3; Class Officer 1, 4, President 2; Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, County Vice President 3; Annual Editor 4; Senior Guidance Day Co-Chief Page 3; Dance Band 3, 4; FTA 4.

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Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4.



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Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Pianist 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Social Chairman 2, Vice President 3, Reporter 4, Marshal 1, 3; Class Secretary-Treasurer 1, Class Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Pianist 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, Treasurer 3; Dance Band 3; Office Assistant 2; Annual Staff 4; Junior Play 3; Student Council President 4; Miss Hi Miss 4; FTA 4.

WILLIAM DEAN GRAIG

LURA COLEEN DERRICK

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Historian 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Junior Play Usher 3; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

EDWARD B. ELMORE

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 2, 4; Football 1, 2; Junior Play 3; Dance Band 3, 4; FTA 4.







JUDY LYNN FERGUSON

FHA 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Newspaper Staff 4; Cheerleader 4.

SHIRLEY ANN FERGUSON

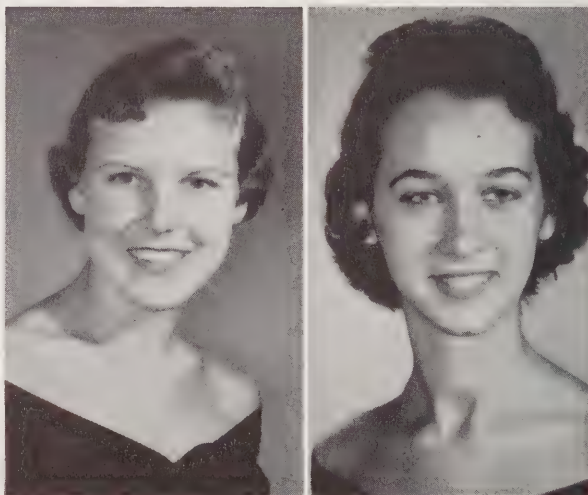
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Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 2, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Activity Chairman 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 1; Class Secretary 2; Reporter 4; Hi-Lights Editor 4; Junior Play 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; FTA 4.

ELEANOR JANE HEDGEPATH

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Basketball 3; Class Officer 3, 4; Newspaper 4; Office 4; Library Club 4; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Cheerleader 4.



CAROLE FLO HELMS

Basketball 1, 2, 3; FHA 1, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Student Council Representative 3; Library Club 1; FHA Secretary 4; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Newspaper Staff 4.

HARRIET JANE HELMS

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3; Junior Play 3; Junior-Senior Waitress 2; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Prophet 4; FHA 1, 2; Office Assistant 4; Program Chairman Beta Club 4; FTA 4; Miss Benton Heights 4.

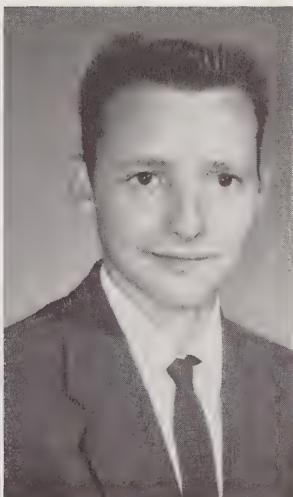


**JULIA MARGARETT HELMS**

Band 1, 2, Majorette 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Pianist 4; Library Club 4; Office 4; Junior Play 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Union County Band Clinic 1; District Band Clinic 1, 2; Manager of Girls' Basketball Team 4; Dance Band 3.

**MERLE JO HELMS**

Class President 1; Class Reporter 3; Student Council 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; FHA 1, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 3; Library Club 1; Newspaper Staff 4.



**MOLLIE ANN HELMS**

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Newspaper Staff 4.

**WILLIAM DONALD HENDERSON**

Glee Club 1, 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Baseball 4.

**WILMA DORIS HENDERSON**

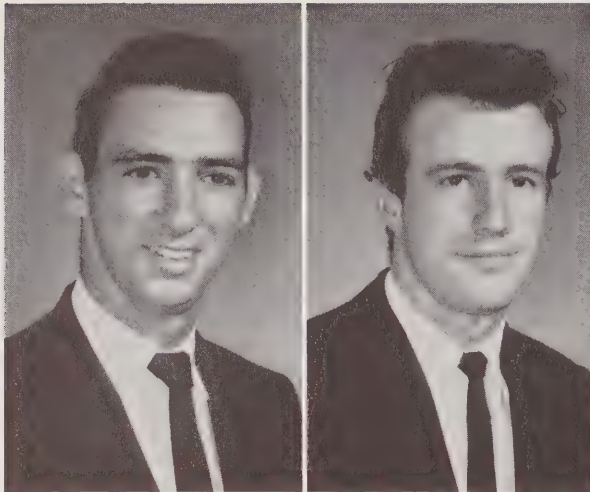
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**ANN KAY HILTON**

Library Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President of S. Piedmont N.C.H.S.L.A. 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President of Anson-Union Federation 3, President 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4, Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4, Chief 4, Union County Band Clinic 1, District Band Clinic 1, 2, State Band Clinic 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Activities Chairman 3; Office 3, 4; Co-Manager of Girls' Basketball Team 2, 4, Manager 3; Senior Guidance Day Page 1, 2, 3, Co-Chief 3; Historian 4; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Marshal 1, 2, 3, Chief 3; Student Council Representative 4; FTA 4.







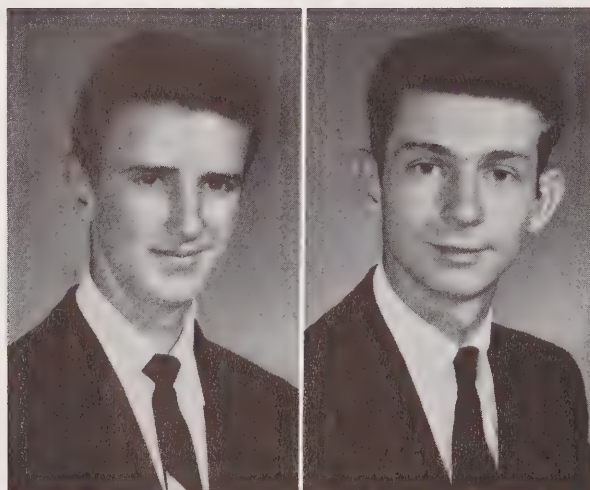
BOBBY GENE KILGORE

THAY MILLS

Class Vice President 1; Basketball 1, 2, 4;  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4.

GLORIA FRANCES MONTGOMERY  
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Junior-  
Senior Waitress 2; Newspaper Staff 4.

BOBBY MULLIS  
Football 2, 3.



JAMES PRESSLEY

Basketball 4; Annual Staff 4; Band 1, 2;  
Glee Club 1, 2; Color Guard 3; Junior Var-  
sity 3.

TEX RAPE

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4,  
Vice President 3; Band 1, 2; Beta Club 2, 3,  
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Student Council Representative 4; Annual  
Staff 4.

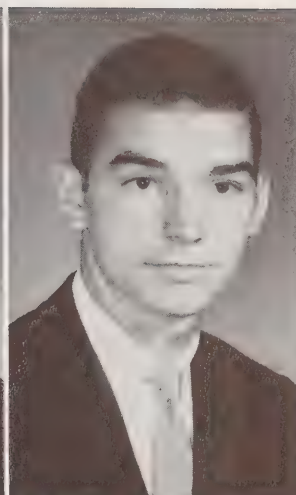
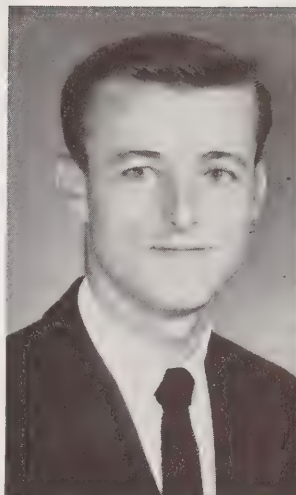


PHILLIP PARKS ROSS

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Library 2, 3.

HARVEY CLARK RUMMAGE

Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 2, 4; Monogram 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer Beta Club and Monogram 3 and 2 respectively; Class President 1, 4; Student Council 2, 3; Class Reporter 2; Store Personnel 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Doorkeeper Junior Play 3.



MARTHA HELEN SHANNON

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Junior Play 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3.

MARY ELLEN SHANNON

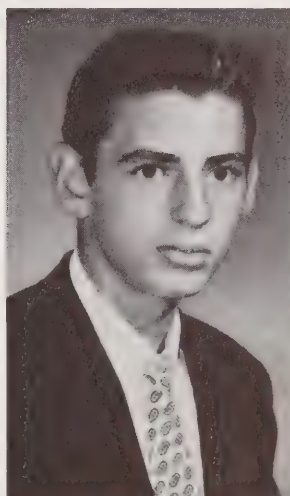
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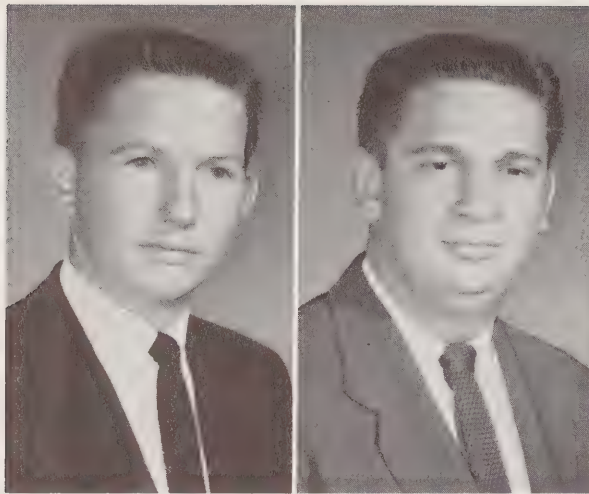
Band 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 3; Newspaper Staff 4.

BETTY ANN SMITH

Annual Staff 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; Library Club 3; Office 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Junior Play 3; Student Council 1; Union County Band Clinic 1, District Band Clinic 2.







BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STEGALL

Baseball 1, 2; Glee Club 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4.

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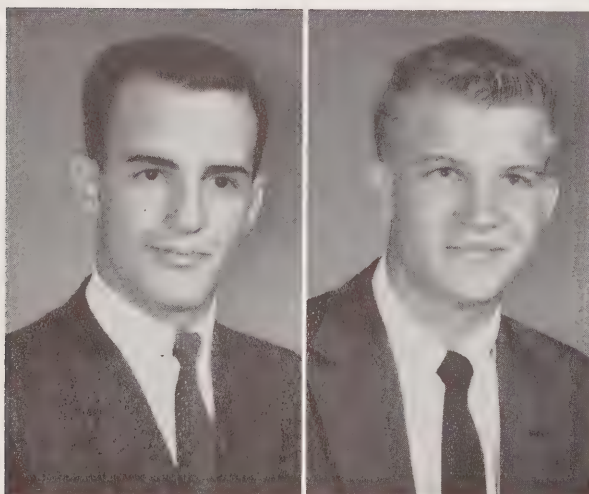
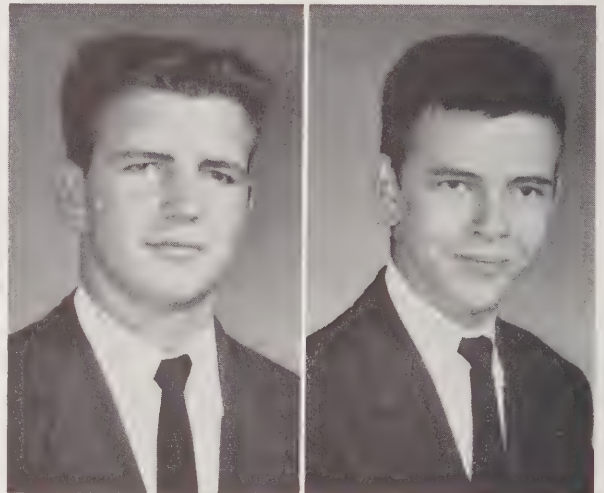
Monroe High School 1; Basketball Manager 2, Trainer 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2, 3; Class Poet 4, Parliamentarian 4; Monogram 3, 4, Vice President 4; Art Editor of Newspaper 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4.

KENNETH RAY TARLTON

Marshal 1; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, Secretary 2, Vice President 3; Class Officer 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2; Newspaper Staff 4.

JOHNNY MAC TAYLOR

Band 1, 2; Office Assistant 1, 3; Scorekeeper 3; Assistant Bus Driver 3, Driver 4; Monogram Club 3, 4.



RAY LEE THOMPSON, JR.

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, President 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 1, 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Annual Staff 4.

MAURICE TRULL

Color Guard 1; Baseball 2.



LINDA LEE TUCKER

FHA 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff  
4; Junior Play Usher 3; Junior-Senior Wait-  
ress 2.



#### CLASS POEM

As we travel down the road of strain and  
stress,

We leave behind many traits, which we  
hope will bring happiness.

The characteristics we have developed  
here,

We will take on with us the following  
years.

For the teachers and friends who have  
helped us through,

We shall be thankful, and remember  
true.

And when we have reached a definite  
goal,

We shall receive happiness untold.

And after we have ventured out into life  
and answered the call,

We shall remember forever,

"Not for Ourselves, But for All. "

But in case some few should happen to  
forget the answered call,

"Not for Ourselves, But for All, "

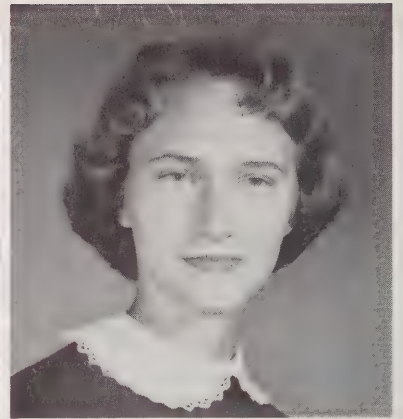
There will always be someone to remind  
them of their love,

Someone here on earth or Someone high-  
er above.

Class Poet - JIMMY STROUD







MISS HI MISS  
Norma Rae Cox

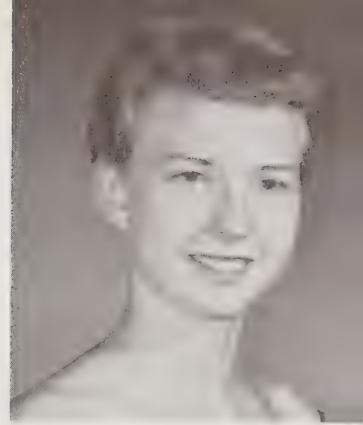
MASCOTS  
Janet Brooks  
Burt Humphries



GRADE MOTHERS  
Mrs. E. M. Elmore  
Mrs. Polly Byrum  
Mrs. Ray Lee Thompson  
Mrs. L. E. Henderson  
Mrs. Jim Stroud



# Senior Class History



"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players." . . .  
Shakespeare

A historical play is just nearing its close on this great stage, the world. It has been a long production, and now as it ends, we, the players, prepare to go out into other parts of this great stage and take parts in other plays just as important.

In the fall of 1946, we, the players, made our first entrance in this theatrical world. This was the beginning of the preparation of eighty-one eager students for the great play known as high school that lay ahead. For eight years we worked and played getting prepared for the glorious four act play. We had wonderful instructors who gave much of their time and effort in preparing us. They were Mrs. Baxter Benton, Mrs. Lydia Griffin, Mrs. Margaret Myers, Mrs. Dayle Moore, Mrs. Flay Griffin, Mrs. Mark Lemmond, Mrs. Annie S. Helms, Miss Mildred Outen, Miss Annie Williams, Miss Pat Benton, Miss Margaret Love, Mrs. Bruce Bivens, Mrs. Mattie Cobb, Mrs. Virginia Smith, and Mr. James McQuage. In the sixth and seventh years of preparation Mrs. Bivens took us to Charlotte, and in the eighth year Mrs. Smith and Mr. McQuage took us to Raleigh. During this eight year period some of the players dropped out and others joined, and, in 1954, only 63 players got certificates saying we were ready to take our parts in the play which was to open in the fall of 1954 and run for four seasons.

Act I began in the fall of 1954 on schedule. Under the leadership of our directors, Mrs. B. B. Craig and Mrs. N. B. Nicholson, and our president, Clark Rummage, the play was deemed to be a smash hit. Our Student Council representatives were Betty Ann Smith and Kenneth Tarlton and the Marshals were Whitty Broome, Kenneth Tarlton, Norma Cox, and Kay Hilton. The stage was suddenly changed on November 23, 1954, when the setting, the school building, burned. We wandered from place to place, each doing his part as well as he could for the show must go on. Then in the spring of 1955 the first act ended and we had a rest of three months.

Act II resumed in the fall of 1955 in a beautiful new setting. Our directors were Mrs. B. B. Craig and Mr. S. T. Smith, who led us into being well known though we were underclassmen. Our president was Whitty Broome; Kenneth Tarlton was secretary of the Student Council and the representatives were Merle Helms and Clark Rummage. The Marshals were Whitty Broome and Kay Hilton. The following eleven students were initiated into the Beta Club: Whitty Broome, Tex Rape, Clark Rummage, Kenneth Tarlton, Julia Helms, Harriet Helms, Norma Cox, Brenda Griffin, Jane Hedgepath, Betty Ann Smith, and Kay Hilton. This was a very successful act but it too had to come to a close, so in the spring of 1956, we, the players, began another three months of rest.

Act III, which began in the fall of 1956, was a very successful and enjoyable act. Mrs. Tom Morgan was our director and Tex Rape was our president. Under their leadership we went far. It was a wonderful season with many extra activities. The Junior-Senior Banquet will always be remembered as a high-light of our Junior year and the Junior Play was an experience we shall never forget. Our Student Council representatives were Clark Rummage and Carole Helms, and Kenneth Tarlton was vice president. The Marshals were Whitty Broome, Norma Cox, and Kay Hilton, chief. The third act of our play seemed extremely short and came to an end in May, 1957 for the final three months of rest.

Act IV is now being staged. Our director is Mrs. Linda F. Hilton, and Clark Rummage is our president. Norma Cox is president of the Student Council; Tex Rape and Kay Hilton are the Senior representatives. We are looking forward to an even greater act than the previous ones. We, as Seniors, wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. O. W. Broome, our principal, and the faculty of Benton Heights for helping us make our play a success.

Some of us are looking forward to the spring and graduation with great anticipation, others with regret. The curtain is almost ready to fall; perhaps some of us do not think of this as the end of a great historical event but as the beginning of an even greater one. Perhaps all of us cannot tell just what type the next play will be. Will it be tragical, comical, or full of romantic love? Only time can tell - the time that will come after the last scene of the last act - yes, even after the final curtain falls. No matter what the next play shall be we, the seniors of 1958, will always look back on our four act play HIGH SCHOOL, with nothing but fond memories.

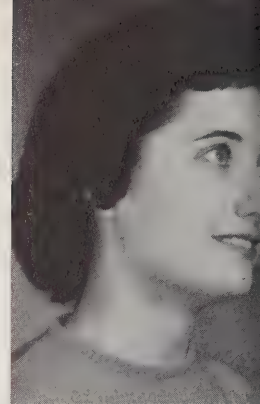
Kay Hilton  
Historian



# Class Prophecy

Today as I was looking through my old annuals, I came across the '58 edition of THE HEIGHTS. Ten years have passed since the graduation of my classmates and me. As I fingered through the pages, I began to place each person as they were ten years ago. They had reached forward eagerly, yearningly, for the education that was offered them. Some, who found the going hard, dropped out along the wayside, but those who had stayed and tried, received help when it was needed. The teachers were always there to give assistance in any way they could and we are forever grateful. Now that we are out in the troubled world, we wish sometimes that they were here to help us once more.

Those young, cheerful, smiling faces have turned into adulthood now. A vision comes to me and I see my classmates as they are today.



WHITTY BROOME has now replaced the writer for the \$64,000 Question. He has them all stumped for answers.

BUDDY BROOME, after a life full of doing nothing, has retired and is continuing to do nothing.

NORMA RAE COX is teaching high school in one of our larger cities while working on her latest novel, "The Greek and I."

WILLIAM DEAN CRAIG is kept very busy reading up on books about how to keep from doing anything worthwhile.

COLEEN DERRICK has landed a job exactly suited for her. She is chief typist for the Charlotte News.

EDDIE ELMORE has just returned from Paris where he engineered the remodeling of the Eiffel Tower.

JUDY FERGUSON finally landed the one she wanted and is very happy trying to keep him happy.

SHIRLEY FERGUSON is owner and operator of Suggs' Beauty Salon. "Hair styled as you like it."

BRENDA GRIFFIN is doing quite well for herself. She is now head secretary for Monroe's largest firm - "The Monroe Oil Company."

JANE HEDGEPATH is now designing clothes at her exclusive shop in New York City.

CAROLE HELMS is using her bookkeeping ability by keeping books for Hedgepath's Exclusive Ladies' Shop in New York City.

JULIA HELMS is a medical secretary to her doctor-husband. They doctor their own children in between patients.

MERLE HELMS has a full-time job acting as housewife to Gene Ferguson and bookkeeper to his chain of television repair shops.

MOLLIE HELMS is putting her shorthand to work by being head stenographer at Yale & Towne, Inc.

DONALD HENDERSON really has a job teaching his three boys how to get to school on time. He was such a shining example.

DORIS HENDERSON, having reached Broadway, is starring currently at the Metropolitan Opera House with Mario Lanza and Patrice Munsel.

KAY HILTON is teaching second grade while rearing her own second grader, Jerald Jr.

BOBBY KILGORE is busy trying to please the public at the Winn-Dixie Store, as he is now the head manager.

THAY MILLS has had his dream to come true. He's in New York doing literary work.

FRANCES MONTGOMERY, now Mrs. Kenneth Batson, is putting her neatness to work by keeping a Spic 'n Span house in spite of her little boys.

BOBBY MULLIS is a successful prize-fighter, having recently won "The Heavyweight Championship of the World."

JAMES PRESSLEY is now owner of the "J. and P. Food Store of the Carolinas," formerly known as the Thrifty Food Store.

TEX RAPE is head basketball coach at U.N.C., currently teaching the Tar Heels how to dunk a basketball flatfooted.

PHILLIP ROSS has formed his own musical trio featuring himself on the piano.

LINDA and CLARK RUMMAGE are now doing quite well for themselves with Clark running his own business and Linda running the household.

MARTHA SHANNON is busy rearing her two children while living in Texas with her Air Force husband.

MARY SHANNON is now working at White Oak Acres as head secretary.

BETTY ANN SMITH is a registered nurse at Memorial Hospital in Charlotte.

BENNY STEGALL has now taken over all the theaters in Monroe. He is doing quite well for himself.

JIMMY STROUD has received his Masters Degree from Guilford College and is now working with Walt Disney drawing cartoons.

KENNETH TARLTON has finally made a name for himself "The Tarlton Transmission Co., Inc."

JOHNNY MAC TAYLOR has a job with McGee Tractor & Equipment Company, demonstrating his ability to use a tractor.

RAY THOMPSON has now reached the peak in his career. He's playing basketball with the Globe Trotters.

MAURICE TRULL now has his own Men's Clothing Store and is doing very well, as he always did dress himself neatly.



# *Childhood Days*



Left to right: James Pressley, Mary and Martha Shannon, Coleen Derrick, Frances Montgomery, Norma Cox, Jane Hedgepath, Judy Ferguson, Harriet Helms, Whitty Broome, Betty Ann Smith, Kay Hilton, Julia Helms, Johnny Taylor, Brenda Griffin, Benny Stegall, Donald Henderson, Carole and Merle Helms, Shirley Ferguson, Doris Henderson.



# *Last Will and Testament*

We, the graduating class of Benton Heights High School, in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-eight, do hereby will and bequeath all our treasured possessions and worldly goods as seemeth fitting to the best of our judgement in this Our Last Will and Testament.

To the members of the faculty, we bequeath our appreciation for their efforts in helping us through school.

To the Junior Class we leave the honor of being seniors.

To the other students left behind, we will our joys of learning and our wonderful times.

To the following individuals:

WHITTY BROOME leaves his first chair in band to Tommy Helms and his '49 Mercury to Tim Broome.

BUDDY BROOME leaves his act of tearing up Chevrolets to Robbie Weir.

NORMA RAE COX leaves Steve Tsitouris because she can't take him with her and her superlative "Most Attractive" to Julia Renegar.

WILLIAM DEAN CRAIG just leaves.

COLEEN DERRICK leaves her seat in Mr. Broome's study hall to Carol Bivens.

EDDIE ELMORE leaves his musical ability to Dennis Elmore.

JUDY FERGUSON wills her flirty ways to Carole Lee Williams and her lazy ways to Hilda Wooten.

SHIRLEY FERGUSON leaves her love for Union boys to her sister, Brenda, and her ability to keep the office to Dot Earp.

BRENDA GRIFFIN leaves her position as forward on the basketball team to Brenda Sue Williams.

JANE HEDGEPATH leaves her choice of boys to Sylvia Simpson, but her like for one she takes with her.

CAROLE HELMS leaves her love for basketball to Ted Helms and her superlative "Best Sport" to Sylvia Teagle.

HARRIET HELMS leaves her title "Miss Benton Heights" to Joyce Hasty.

JULIA HELMS leaves her superlative "Peppiest" to Joy Lawrence.

MERLE HELMS leaves her shortness to Brenda Ferguson and her love for the Charlotte Highway to Sylvia Teagle.

MOLLIE HELMS leaves her title "Class Baby" to Dianne Baker and her love for Fords to Dot Earp.

DONALD HENDERSON leaves his superlative "Laziest" to Raeford McCain.

DORIS HENDERSON leaves her singing ability to Rita Freeman and her acting ability to Gayle Baucom.

KAY HILTON leaves her superlative "Cutest" to Gayle Baucom and her keys to Fairview to Cookie Williams.

BOBBY KILGORE leaves his love for English to Jim Long.

THAY MILLS leaves his good looks and personality to Tommy Wooten.

FRANCES MONTGOMERY leaves her love for Chevrolets to Margaret Keziah.

BOBBY MULLIS leaves his ability to fight to Larry Herring.

JAMES PRESSLEY leaves his love for green Plymouths to Ronnie Helms.

TEX RAPE leaves his jumping ability to Ronnie Helms.

PHILLIP ROSS leaves his superlative "Most Talented" to Dale Whitmore.

CLARK RUMMAGE leaves his "Popularity" to Robbie Weir and "Best All-Round" to Boogie Gordon.

MARTHA SHANNON leaves her superlative "Most Dignified" to Linda Gordon.

MICKEY SIMPSON leaves his love for convertibles to anyone who wants to freeze in the winter.

BETTY ANN SMITH leaves her superlative "Most Dependable" to Patricia Cunningham.

BENNY STEGALL leaves his drive-in talent to Raeford McCain.

JIMMY STROUD leaves his SOPHISTICATED WAYS to Don Ray Rummage and his ability to carry on a HIGHLY INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION to Walter Lynn Gordon.

KENNETH TARLTON leaves his love for "one lungs" to Nicky Price.

JOHNNY MAC TAYLOR leaves his ability to cut class to Larry Herring, Tommy Wooten, and Raeford McCain.

RAY THOMPSON leaves his ability to play basketball to Warren Staggers.

MAURICE TRULL leaves his Physics book to anyone crazy enough to have it.

LINDA TUCKER leaves her "Good Looks" to Gayle Baucom and "Neatness" to Sylvia Teagle.

I, MARY SHANNON, leave my position as Class Testator to Jane Tucker.

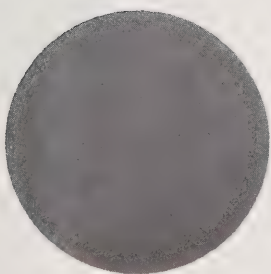
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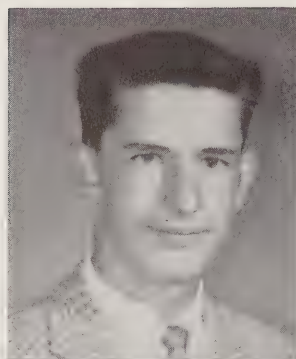




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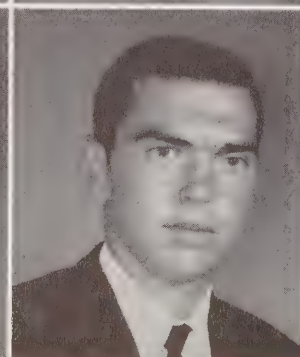
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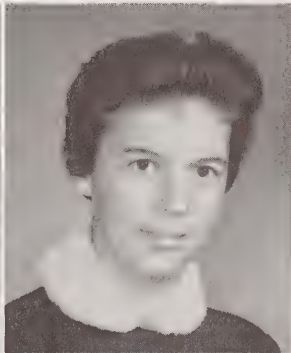
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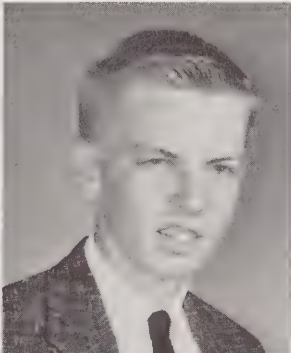
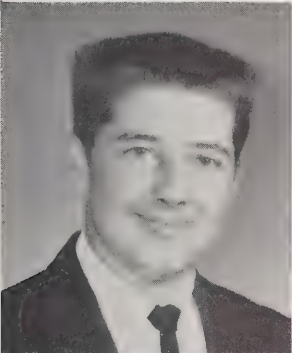
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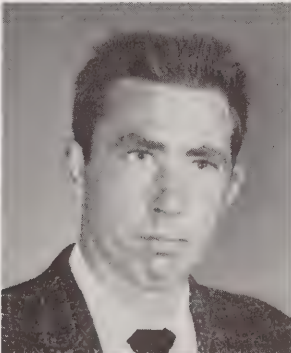
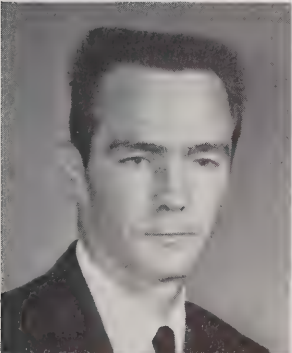
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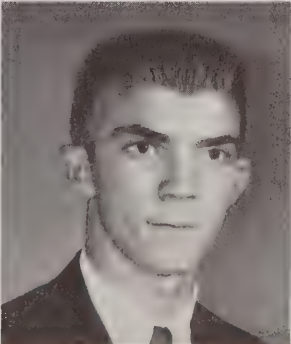
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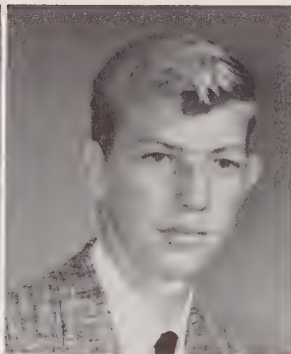


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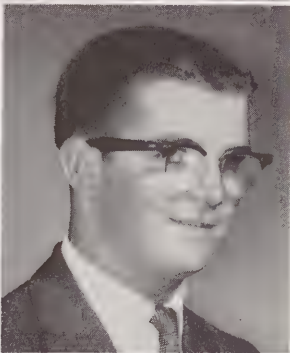


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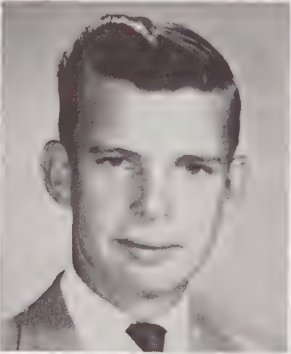
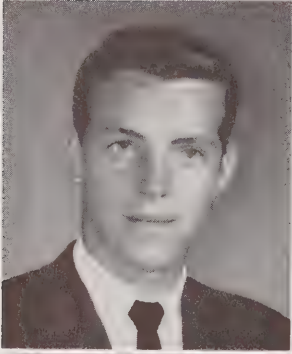




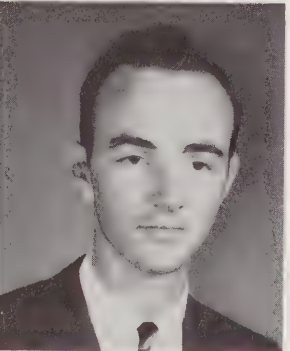
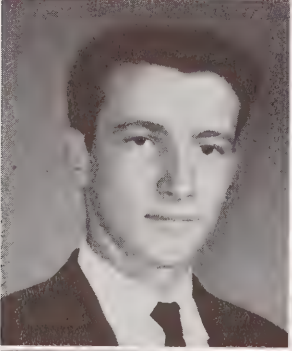
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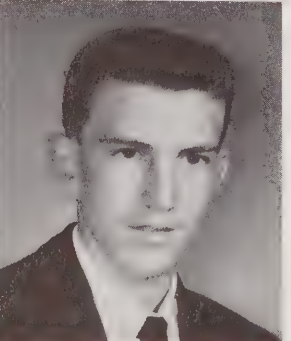
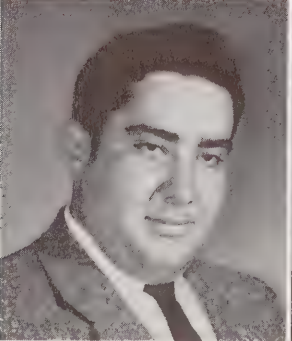
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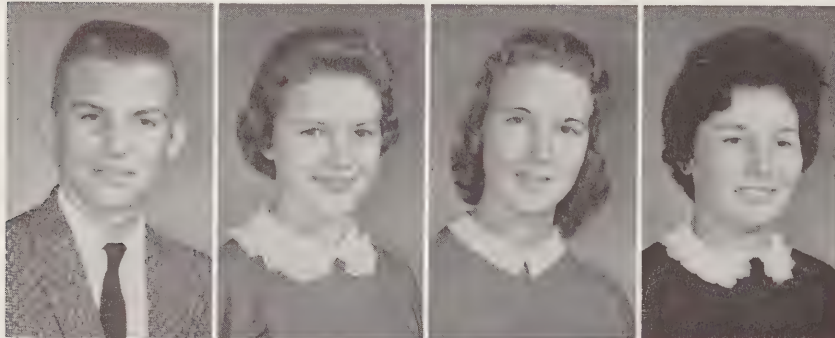
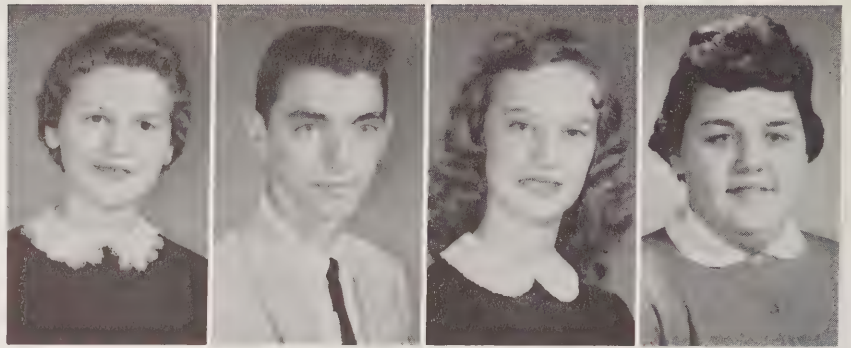


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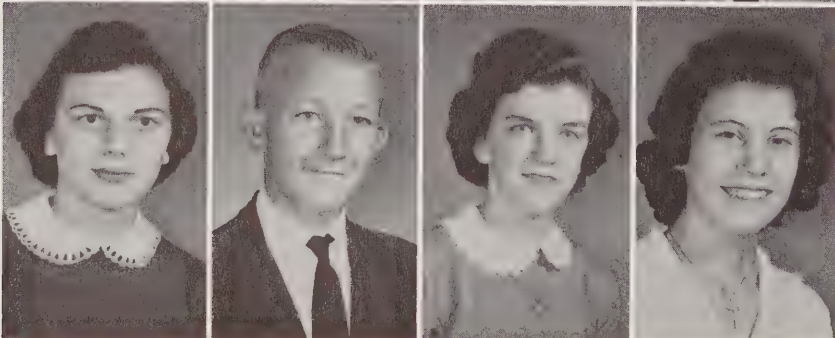
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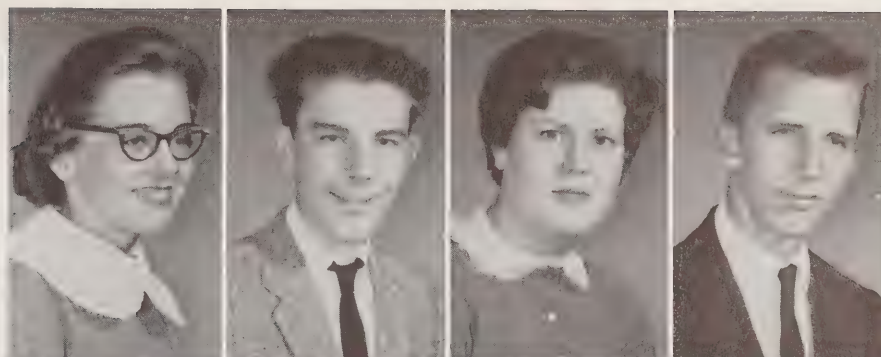


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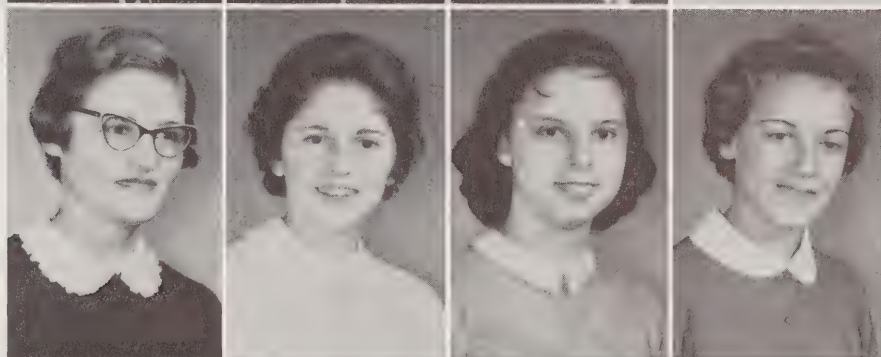
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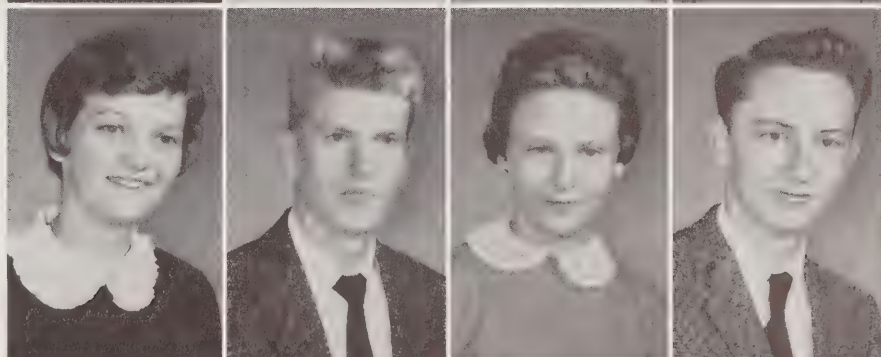
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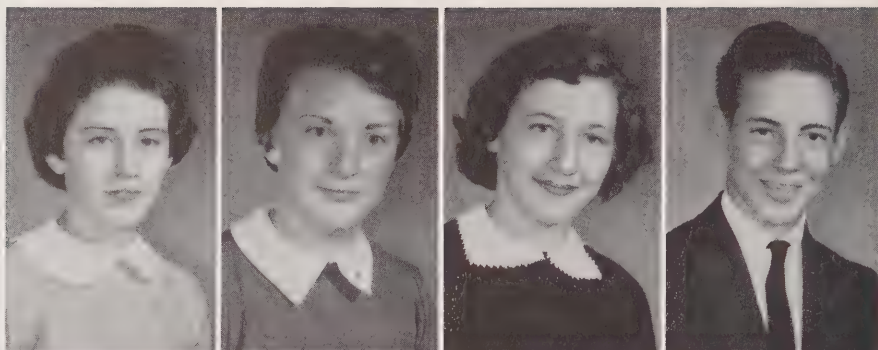


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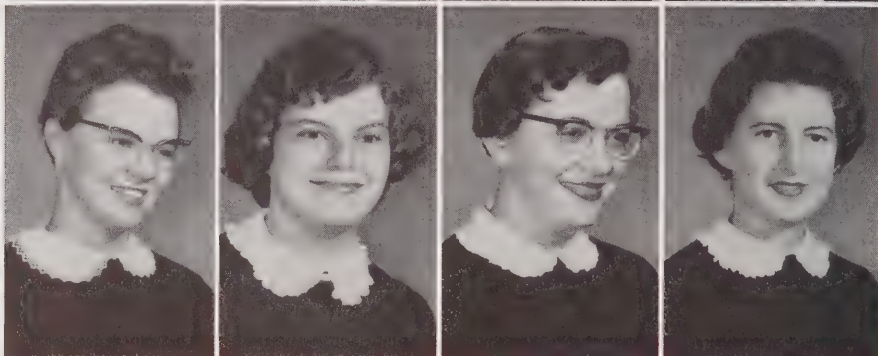
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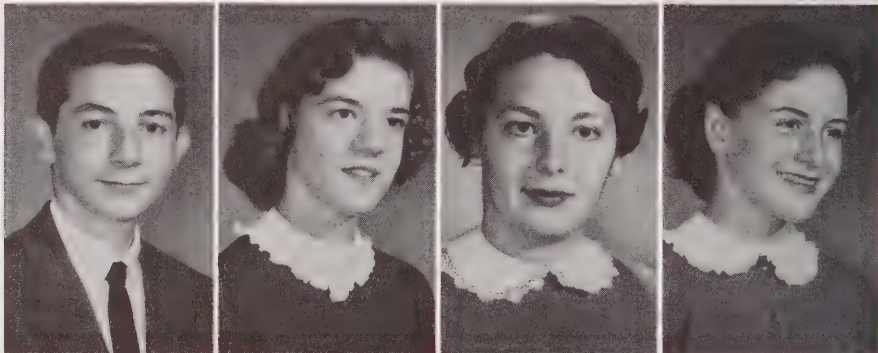
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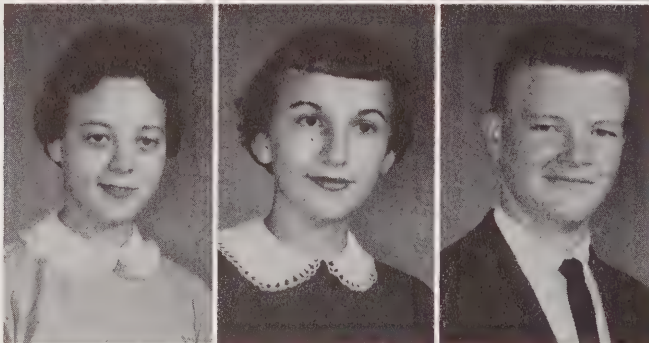
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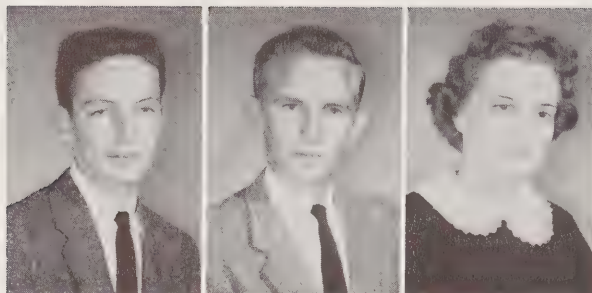
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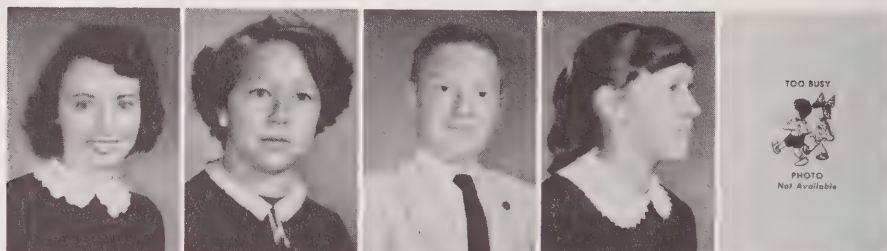
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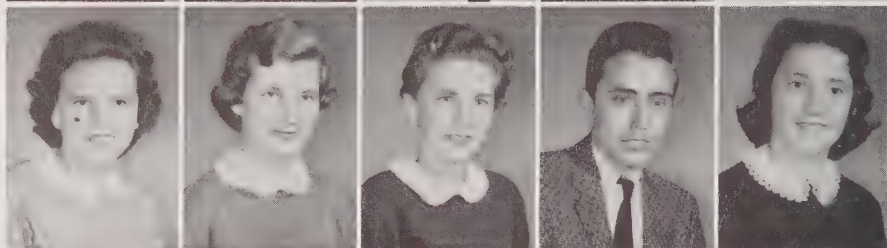


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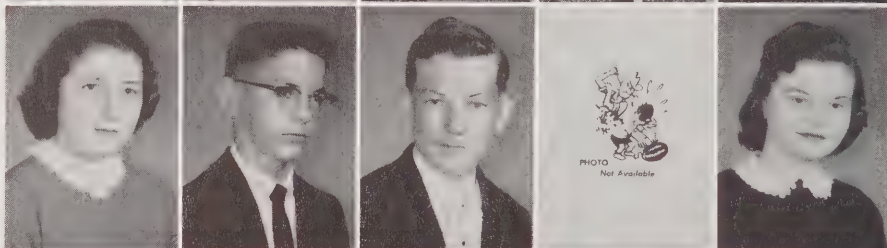
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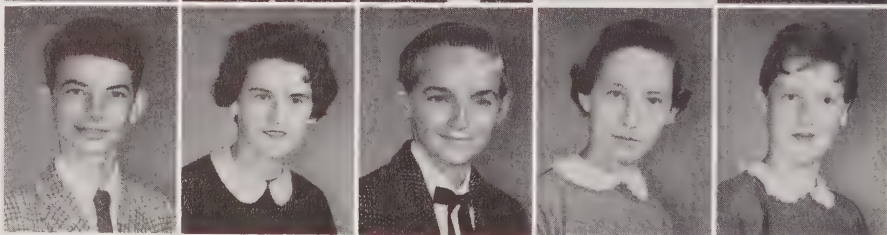
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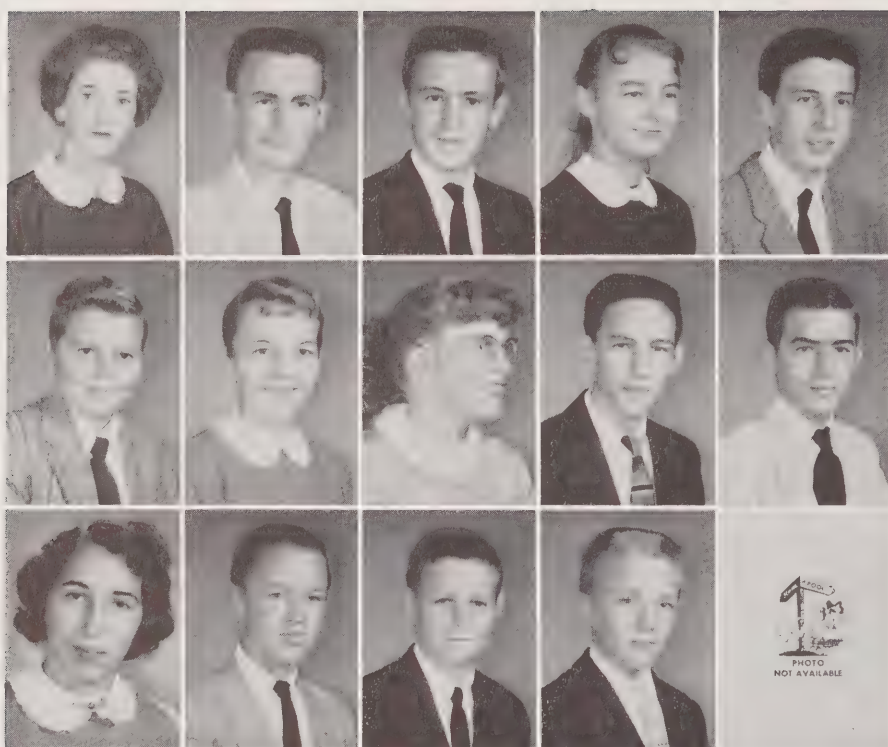
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First row: Woodroe Surrate, Alma Wallace, Hazel Hargett, Mary Elizabeth Lune, Carole Terry, Linda Gordon, Jerrie Greene, Shirley Drake, Ann Pate, Vernon Nash, Mr. Deese. Second row: John Baucom, James Rogers, Kenneth Keziah, Kenneth Hedgepath, Sammy McDowell, Ray Van Price, Donald Price, Johnny Pressley, Larry Meachum, Judy Ross, Sharon Simpson. Third row: Nancy Quick, Judy Herring, Mickey Blackwelder, Jerry Spittle, Dennis Pressley, Dewey Broome, D. L. McDonald, Ronnie Nash, Carol Pressley, Linda Long, Paul Helms.



**MRS. VIRGINIA SMITH, EIGHTH GRADE**

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First row: Jerry Tomberlin, James Hargette, Jo Ellen Cook, Tommy Craig, Mildred Helms, Tim Quick, Jerry Stegall, Smith Ferguson, Freeda Walden, Ronald Helms, Mrs. Bivens. Second row: Bobby Henry, Tuck Long, Jackie Hamilton, Martha Tarlton, Lucy Quick, James Tomberlin, Diane Helms, Keith Presson, Bobbie Griffin, Thurman Helms, James Pate. Third row: Larry Speer, Judy Smith, Billie Jean Keziah, Jack Deese, Derrell McCain, Charles Penegar, Johnny Stroud, Rodney Williams, Eugene Blalock, Betty Pressley, Libby Howie. Absent: Brenda Pressley, Libby Baldwin, Betty Sue Tarlton, Jean Elliotte.



**MR. SPENCE HELMS, SEVENTH GRADE**

First row: Henry Helms, Linda Little, Madeline Pinyan, Kenneth Graham, Lynn Temple, Brenda Alexander, Brenda Gaskins, Linda Davis, David Simpson, Frankie Helms, Mr. Helms. Second row: Jimmy Williams, James Eudy, Loyd Tucker, Bobby Brantley, Judy Hargette, Brenda Earp, Rebecca Helms, Diane McFerren, Gary Belk, Larry Merritt, Joyce Price, Neal Price. Third row: Joan Yow, Sharlene Deese, Patricia Bickett, Clyde Hargett, Vicky Blanchard, Wilson Blanchard, Horace Broom, Diane Love, Diane Lowery, Larry Campbell, Nancy Lovelace, Susan Dean.





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MISS MARGARET LOVE, SIXTH GRADE

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MRS. MATTIE B. COBB, FIFTH GRADE

First row: Mrs. Cobb, Elsie Jones, Colin Helms, Rondall Phillips, Linda Caskey, Mary E. Hinde, Kenneth Laney, James Starnes, Charles Helms, Emily Meachum, Linda S. Baucom. Second row: Dale Helms, Carolyn Mullis, Nancy Elms, Yolanda Carraway, Jimmy Eubanks, Gary Helms, Donald Helms, Phyllis Williams, Rachel Long, Kay Helms, Margo Montgomery. Third row: Jimmy Bickett, Jimmy Stegall, Joan Sanders, Billy Harrington, Starr Keziah, Kay Graham, Wanda Davis, Leroy Moree, Lanny Williams, Judy Nash, Gary Hance. Absent: Dillon Griffin, Peggy Tarlton.



MISS ANNIE WILLIAMS, FIFTH GRADE

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MISS PAT BENTON, FIFTH GRADE

First row: Eugene Tarlton, Eddie Helms, Gary Pressley, Mike Williams, Sue Wooten, Sandra Ferguson, Joyce McRorie, William Sherrin, Ralph Howie, Gerald Thomas, Bobby Crook, Miss Benton. Second row: Neal Mills, Patricia Price, Linda Keziah, Danny Jones, Ikey Greene, Richard Pressley, Jimmy Blanchard, Larry Broom, Dennis Love, Larry McManus, Linda Simpson. Third row: Danny Pressley, Gloria Roberts, Diane Helms, Faris Barbee, Billy Ray Parker, Wally Carroll, Roy Hamilton, Butch Blanchard, Jane Griffin, Esther Svendsen, Lamar Fowler, Mike Helms.



MISS MILDRED OUTEN, FOURTH GRADE

First row: Richard Smith, Larry Deese, Jerry McCoy, Faye Pressley, Sandra Medlin, Jimmy Marrone, Terry Funderburk, Karen Trull, Miss Outen. Second row: Harold Pressley, Jack Starling, Barbara Brantner, Sandra Dean, Sue Ferguson, Mitchell Wilson, Dianne Talbert, Paul Earp, David Helms. Third row: David Mullis, Sandra Melton, Kenneth Helms, Elizabeth Col-laszo, Lowell Belk, Kathern Blanchard, Lillian Svendsen, Brenda Stroud, Freddy Gordon.





MRS. BERNARD HELMS, FOURTH GRADE

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MISS PATSY GRIFFIN, FOURTH GRADE

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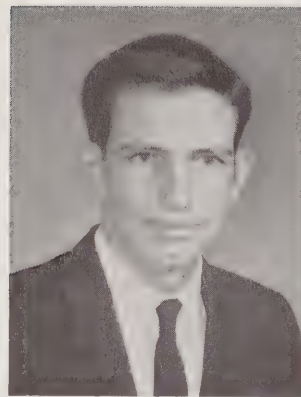


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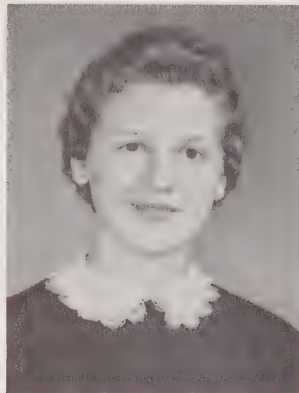




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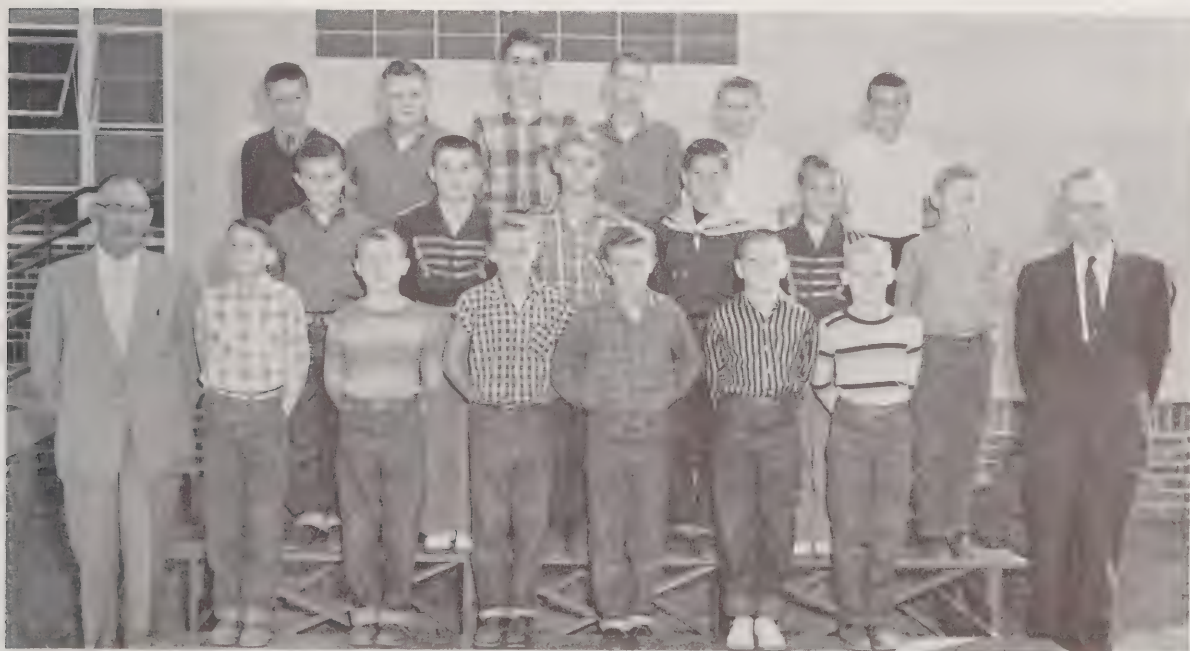


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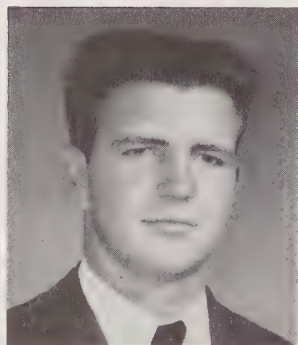
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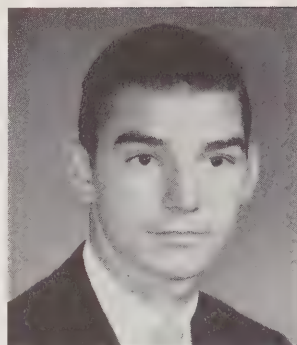
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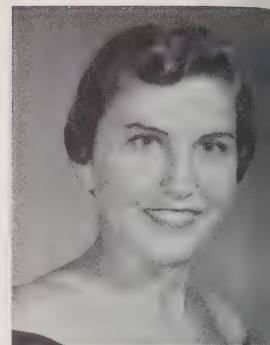
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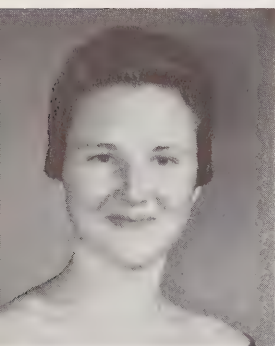
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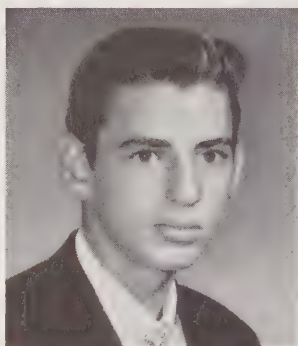
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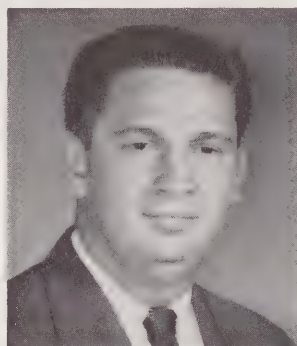
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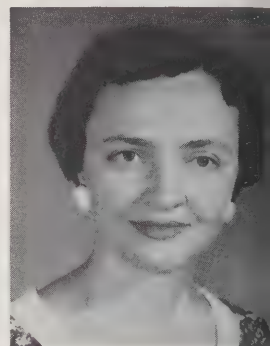
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*Benton Heights Band*





# *Dance Band . . . Parade Snapshots*







### *Scouts*

Back row: Johnny Norris, Ronnie Nash, Boogie Gordon. Middle row: Larry Broom, Butch Terry, Billy Ray Parker, Larry Mitchum, Gore Williams. Bottom row: Ricky Taylor, Elwood McDonald, Junior Starnes. Assistant Scout Master, Donald Henderson; Scout Master, Harry McFarren.

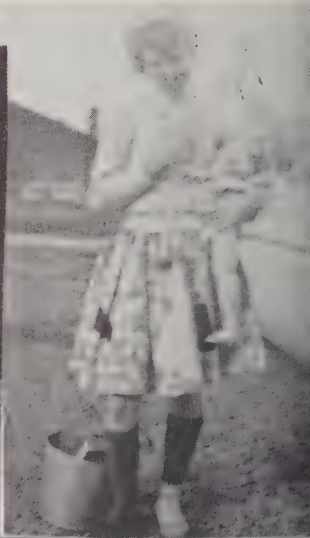


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# *Snapshots*





**athletics**





## *Cheerleaders*

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## *Baseball*

First row: Boogie Gordon, Don Ray Rummage, Steve Tsitouris, Thay Mills, Carol Eury, Dickie Sims, Winston Dean, Jimmy Stroud. Second row: Mr. Leslie Everette, Coach; Jimmy Ferguson, Tommy Wooten, Larry Herring, Ray Thompson, Gary Ramsey, Larry Simpson, Winston Lovelace, Raeford McCain.



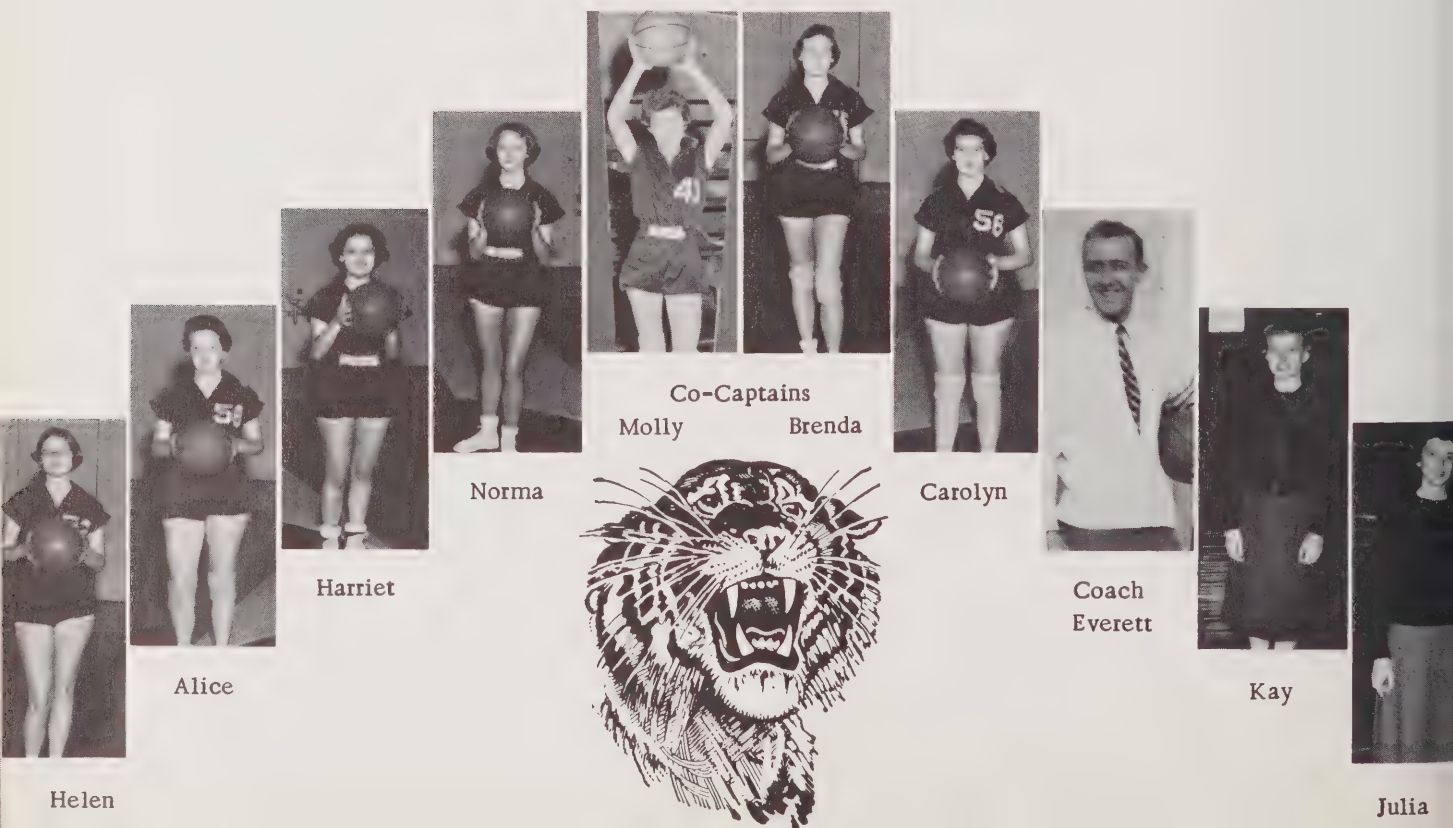
Mr. Leslie Everette, Coach; Jimmy Stroud, Ray Thompson, Co-Captains.





## Girls' Basketball Team

Second row: Shirley Ferguson, Eddie Richardson, Carol Bivens, Vickie Honeycutt, Cookie Williams, Judy Deal, Norma Cox, Phyllis Cook, Judy Shuman, Carolyn Tarlton, Helen Hunter, Alice Sells, Jackie Starnes, Judy Stegall, Julia Renegar, Brenda Sue Williams, Harriet Helms, Mary Ann Stroud, Carole Lee Williams, Brenda Ferguson, Doris Henderson. First row: Julia Helms, Co-Manager; Brenda Griffin, Co-Captain; Leslie Everett, Coach; Mollie Helms, Co-Captain; Kay Hilton, Co-Manager.



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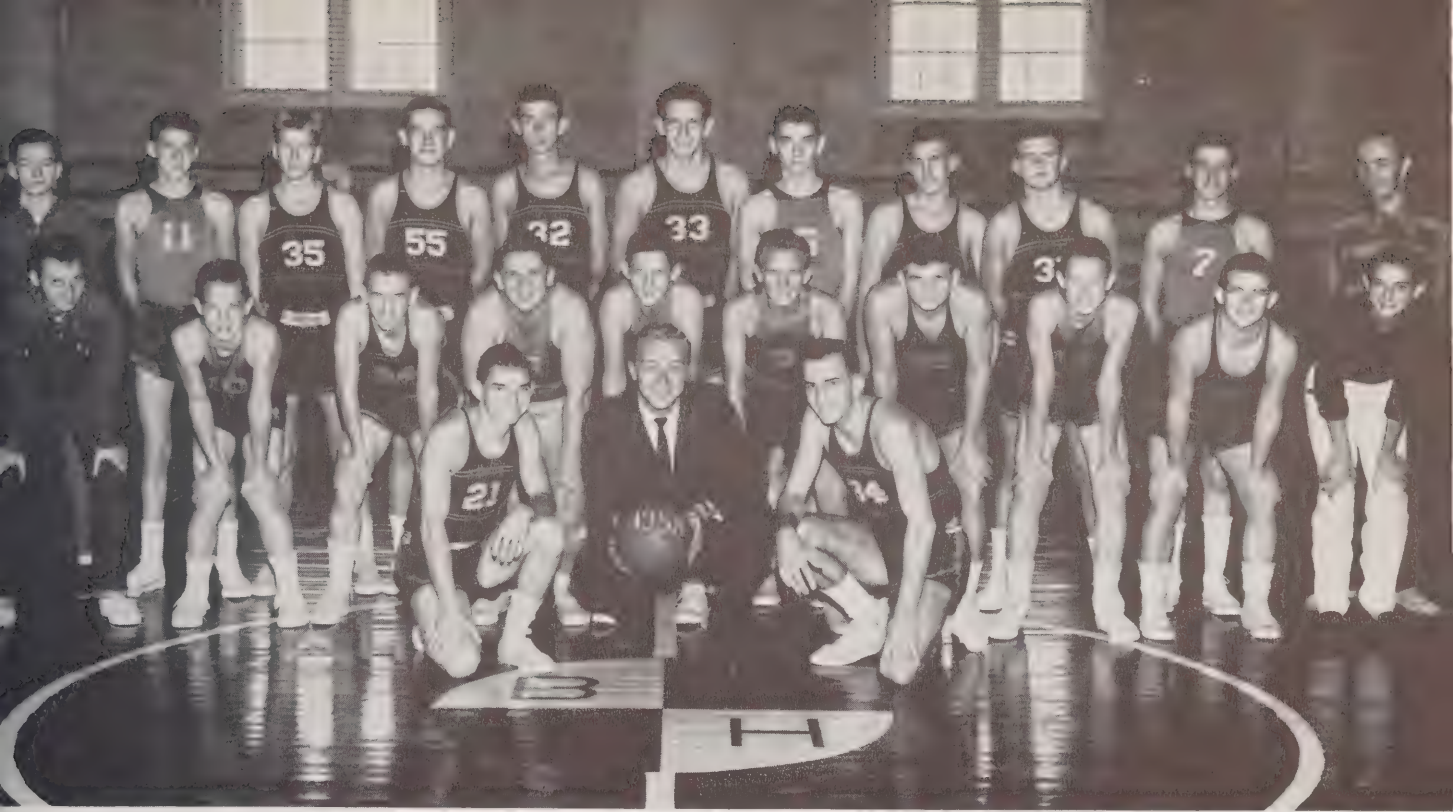
Carolyn

Coach  
Everett

Kay

Julia





## *Boys' Basketball Team*

Kneeling: Clark Rummage, Coach Everette, Ray Thompson. First row: Donald Henderson, Richard Williams, Winston Dean, Jimmy Stroud, Phillip Holmes, Waldo Ferguson, Steve Tsitouris, Don Simpson, Don Ray Rummage, Bobby Tucker. Second row: David Eudy, Sam Presson, Winston Lovelace, Nicky Price, Tex Rape, Robbie Weir, Gary Ramsey, Tommy Wooten, Kenneth Tarlton, Nolan Waldon, Jimmy Fred Williams.



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Tex



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Steve



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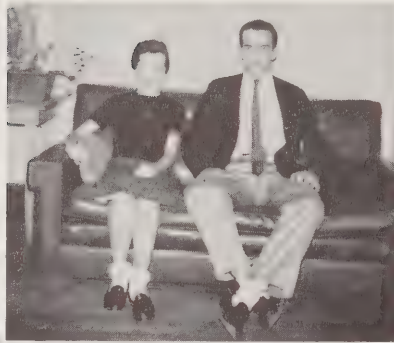


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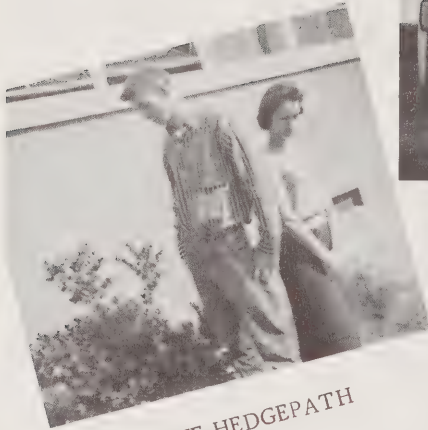
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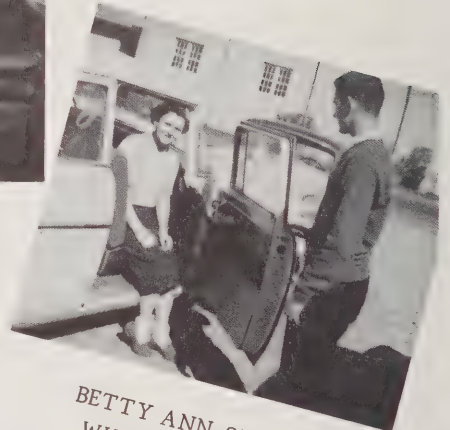
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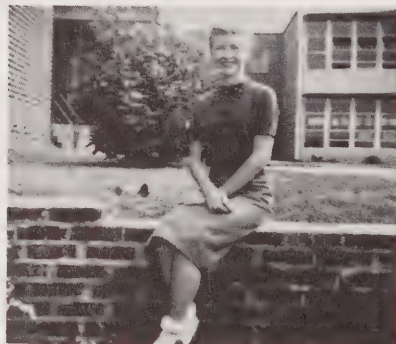
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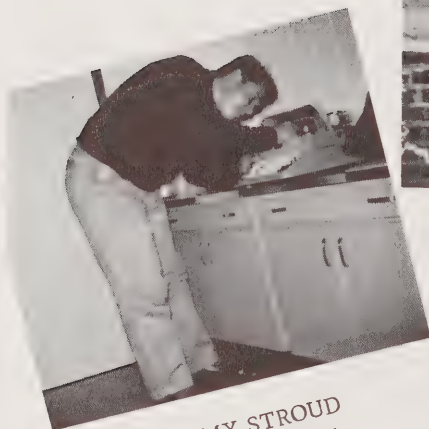
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Most Bashful



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Most Courteous



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Most Talented  
Most Mischievous



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Most Musical

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RAY THOMPSON  
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Class Wolf



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JIMMY STROUD  
Friendliest



LINDA TUCKER  
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Quietest



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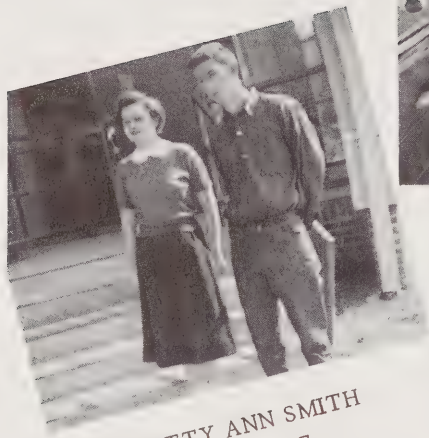
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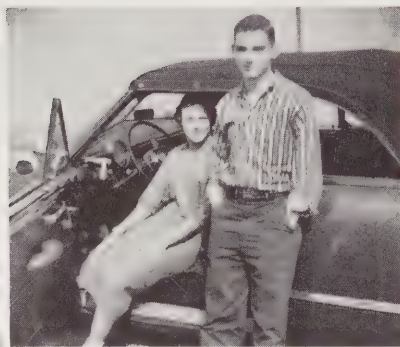
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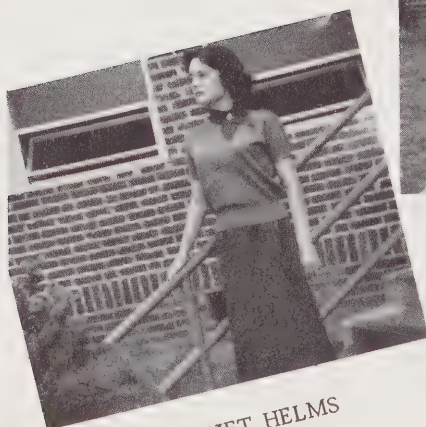
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TEX RAPE  
Most Dependable



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Peppiest



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Most Conceited

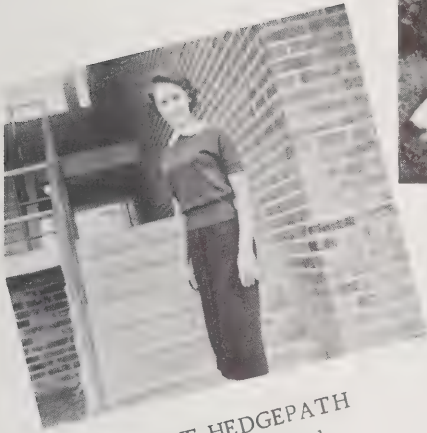


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BRENDA GRIFFIN  
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JOHNNY TAYLOR  
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LINDA TUCKER  
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Best Sport



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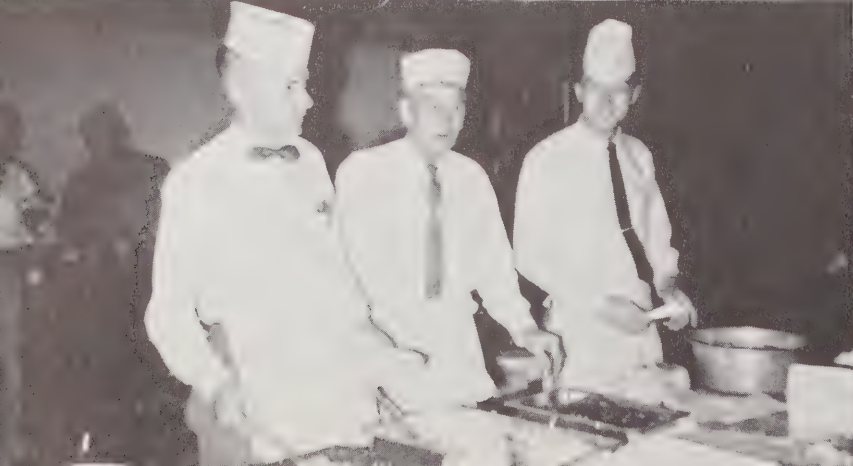




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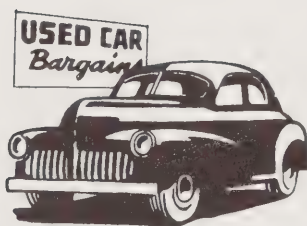


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